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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 in the aboveidentified application. Kindly enter the following remarks.

## REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of May 22, 2003 during which the commercial success of the claimed invention was discussed as it relates to non-obviousness.

Claims 1-16 and 18-44 are pending.

Applicant notes that the Office Action was marked on the cover sheet check box as "This action is FINAL," but that the first section of the Detailed Action (page 2 of the Action) states